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Quebec 4-H Motto:
Leadership tomorrow through learning today.

Canadian 4-H Motto:
Learn to do by doing.

I Pledge
My Head to clearer thinking
My Heart to greater loyalty
My Hands to larger service
My Health to better living
For my club, my community and my country.

What is 4-H?

Quebec 4-H is about developing self-confidence, learning skills in communications, leadership, problem solving and goal setting but most of all, Quebec 4-H is about having FUN! We’re here to promote the personal development of youth aged 6 to 25 in agricultural and rural communities. With a focus on fun and learning, we provide opportunities to develop the skills needed in an ever-changing future. Using the talents and energies of our members, volunteers and staff we create innovative ideas and programs as well as maintain our successful traditional ones. Members can choose from projects ranging from livestock to square dancing. We work to spread the impact of 4-H and to help the youth of today become the leaders of tomorrow.
Charity Begins at Home
by Emily Simms

On May 29th the Shawville 4-H Club held a pancake breakfast to raise funds for two charities, Free the Children, which is a charity dedicated towards eliminating the exploitation of children around the world, and Relay for Life.

The breakfast was a great success with approximately 200 people attending. We were able to raise $1,000, which we split evenly between the two charities.

The 4-H club would like to thank all the members who helped out, the community members for attending and all the organizations who donated. Thank you for helping us raise money for these great charities!

Hatley 4-H Petting Zoo at Music Fest 2011
by Wyatt Johnston and Cindy Bowen

The first weekend in June is a tradition for many people in the Townships, specifically in the Ayer’s Cliff region. Peter and Chrissy Mackey organize a music festival at the Ayer’s Cliff Fairgrounds and all proceeds go to granting a child’s wish via the Children’s Wish Foundation.

Once again, a few members of the Hatley 4-H put together a petting zoo for all the visitors of the Music Fest 2011 to enjoy. A big thanks to the Young, Drew, Lapointe and Johnston families for organizing.

Animals at the zoo included a 3 week old dairy calf that visitors could help feed by a bottle, goats, sheep, baby rabbits, baby chicks, ducks, pigeons and a ferret. A 25 cent feeder was available and all proceeds were donated to the Children’s Wish Foundation, as were the funds collected from the sale of the baby rabbits. Approximately $60 was raised and donated to the Music Fest fund. During the weekend, kids dropped by and enjoyed petting and feeding the animals and some even played a quick game of cards with 4-H members.

Of course with the name Music Fest you would guess that a lot of music was played all weekend. Bands come from all around to play a set or two for free to entertain the visitors while they danced and visited the silent auction, dunk tank, petting zoo and kid’s game room.

The Lapointe family came on Sunday after church to help with the petting zoo but also surprised us by getting up on the music stage and playing a couple of songs. The entire family of 7 were part of the band. From parents Terry (drums and vocals) and Carrie (vocals) to Zachary (guitar), Jaymin (guitar), Josiah (guitar), Zoe (keyboard and vocals) and Kevin (vocals). It was amazing to see an entire family learning and playing together. They definitely surprised their fellow 4-H members and wowed the crowd of spectators. Thanks to the Lapointe family for that experience!

Thank you to all the 4-H members who helped during the weekend! It was for a great cause and a small way for Hatley 4-H to give back to the community. See photo on back cover.
Canadian Western Agribition 
International 4-H and Youth 
Judging Competition
November 20-22
Regina, Saskatchewan

Want to judge as part of a Quebec 4-H team at Agribition? Judge 12 classes (mostly beef), including hogs, horses and dairy classes, for a chance to win prizes including a $2500 scholarship for Grand Aggregate, and $2500 in other scholarship prizes. Quebec 4-H can send up to 8 participants and 1 chaperone. Participants are responsible for fundraising the cost of participation ($159 each) and the cost of the flights. Inform Quebec 4-H of your interest by September 15th. Open to members 17 to 21 years old.

Canadian Red and White Holstein Contest

Members who complete a 4-H dairy project this year showing a true Red & White Holstein calf are eligible to enter a draw for one of four special edition Canadian Red & White Holstein Club jackets. The winners will then have their photo and a brief bio published in the December issue of Red Line.

Entry deadline for the contest is October 1st.

Nola Brown Continuous Achievement Award

Applicants must be keenly involved and interested in the Jersey cow, while entering or starting college or university.

Deadline: September 15, 2011
Visit www.jerseycanada.com/results/nolabrown.php for more information

École d’élevage Holstein Quebec 2011
October 7-10, Valleyfield.
For 18-25 year olds.

Learn about marketing, herd production analysis, genetics and classification. Cost $175 + tax. The registration form will be available online soon at www.holsteinquebec.com

Step Up On-Farm Mentorship Program
The Canadian Farm Business Management Council and the Canadian 4-H Council along with other partners have teamed up to offer an eight-week on-farm mentorship program for Canadian youth aged 18 and up. Interested mentors (experienced farm managers) and mentees (youth interested in a career in agriculture) can apply now at the CFBMC website (www.farmcentre.com) or email jwasher@4-h-canada.ca or stepup@cfbmc.com for more information.
... and Opportunities

National 4-H Leaders Conference
January 12-15, 2012
Edmonton, Alberta
Meet volunteer leaders from across Canada and the U.S. while developing leadership qualities through key note speakers, workshops and provincial sharing. Leaders will also participate in specific activities that highlight and celebrate their contributions to their clubs.

Deadline to register with Quebec 4-H: September 15, 2011
Must be at least 19 years old to attend
Registration Cost: Quebec 4-H will subsidize entire registration fee ($250 value)
2 spaces available

Tournez-vous vers l’excellence 2011! Contest
Do you know an aspiring farmer who, through their professional skills and management qualities, deserves recognition? The contest showcases the individual contribution of entrepreneurs. Only one person may present a candidature per operation, even if the operation has two associates with equal shares.

Deadline: June 17, 2011
Apply at: www.fadq.qc.ca/en
One $5,000 grant and two $2,500 grants. Eligibility conditions:
- Have been in business for two to seven years
- Be between 18 and 40 years old
- Hold at least 20% of your operation's shares
- Have received a start-up grant under the Financial Support for Aspiring Farmers Program or received confirmation that this grant will be accorded.

2nd Annual Semex Beef Photo Contest
Send in your high resolution photos of beef cows to the Semex website for a chance to be featured in Semex posters, publications, website and more!
For details about the contest visit www.semex.com/di/beef
Deadline to enter: September 30th, 2011.

Annual General Meeting
Hosted by Hatley 4-H
November 18-20
Clubs can make their bids for Rally 2013 and Innovative Ag tour at this year’s AGM.

Dr. Allan A. Dixon Memorial Scholarship
Open to all youth involved in the beef cattle industry who are attending a post-secondary institution in the application year.
For more information, visit www.simmental.com/ycscholarships.htm
Deadline: October 1, 2011

National 4-H Citizenship Seminar
April 13-19, 2012
Ottawa
Join in on almost a week of fun in Ottawa with 4-H’ers from across Canada. Visit Parliament, see the swearing in of new Canadians, and much more.

Deadline to register: December 1, 2011
Ages 16 to 21
Registration Cost: $166 (After Quebec 4-H subsidy)
2 spaces available

Square Dancing Project Workshops
Does your club want to learn to square dance? As part of the Square Dancing Revitalization Project Caitlin is arranging square dance workshops at schools and in communities to teach kids to square and folk dance. If you would like her to come, contact her at the office or by e-mail at agliaison@quebec4h.com. You bring the people, she’ll bring the music, calls and a few helpers!

USA National 4-H Conference
March 22-29, 2012
Washington D.C., USA
1 member aged 16-21 can take part in the largest 4-H member conference in the US, as part of the 5 member delegation from Canada. Learn about 4-H across the continent while developing your leadership and public relations skills, and visiting Capitol Hill, the Lincoln Memorial and other places of interest around Washington.
Cost: $350 program fee, Quebec will reimburse the participant 1/3 of the cost
Deadline to register: December 1, 2011

Quebec 4-H Travelling Safety Days
Is your club interested in hosting a safety day this fall? We’re looking for clubs to host our 2011 Travelling Safety Days, supported by the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association. Last year we held safety workshops on topics such as tractor and machinery safety, fire safety, chemicals and toxic substances, grain safety, first response, silo gases, and animal handling in three different regions. This year we will also be covering ATV/recreational vehicle safety.

If your club is interested in hosting a day, let us know what date would be good for you, and we can start planning resources and activities. The Safety Days are interactive, hands-on learning opportunities for all 4-H’ers and their friends. Lunches/snacks are provided as are door prizes for attendance. Contact Caitlin at agliaison@quebec4h.com or by calling the office to set up a date.
4-H Achievements Abound!

by Caitlin MacDougall and Beth Kennedy, Quebec 4-H staff

As another summer flies by, many busy 4-H’ers can be found at their local fairgrounds or a member’s farm holding their club’s Achievement Day. As always, this annual tradition is a mainstay in local 4-H calendars, often – but not always – one of the last 4-H activities for the summer. The following is a snapshot of some of the Quebec 4-H clubs’ Achievement Days that have occurred thus far.

Hatley 4-H, currently the largest club in the province with 62 members, held their Achievement Day on June 19th, at the Ayer’s Cliff Fairgrounds. This year, an impressive 54 members participated, showing 61 projects. These projects included dairy and beef heifers, horses, sheep, goats, rabbits and chickens. As Quebec 4-H’s largest club, it can take considerable time and organization to pull off such a large activity. It was the first large event that 15 year-old President Shelby Drew had to organize with help from parents and other volunteers. The club even produces a program for the day, listing the schedule, judges, classes and information about each participant and animal.

For the first time ever, a Holstein steer was shown by Zachary Lapointe. Showing was broken up by a catered lunch of Quiznos subs, sponsored by the club. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. The last class of the day was the overall showmanship class, in which the grand champion and reserve champion showperson from each animal category tried their hand at showing each of the other species. Notably, all the showmanship champions this year were girls, and, out of the fourteen competitors, there were four sets of sisters.

A few weeks later, on July 2nd, Brome 4-H Club held their Achievement Day at Iwanna Farm, in Brigham. This was the first time the club decided to hold their day in conjunction with the Granby AJRQ club local show. It was great to see the Brome 4-H members ready and eager to show off their beef and dairy heifers. There were 8 members in total showing on this hot summer’s day and it all started off with the Beef classes where Cassidy, Sabrina and Krystal Cadarette took home the Champion, Reserve and Honourable mention Angus respectively. Congratulations girls. Lunch, hot dogs and cool drinks, was served before the dairy classes got started. Senior member Annie Grubb took home Grand Champion Jersey, and the Pee-Wees strutted their stuff in the showmanship class.

Bryce Raymond also did a fantastic job with his December Ayrshire calf. This is Bryce’s second year as a Brome 4-H member. After helping Ben Nichols out at fairs, Bryce wanted to start showing and joined 4-H. That year, Santa brought him a beautiful Ayrshire calf to get him started. Bryce now has two calves to his herd: Moonshine and Baby. Good job Brome on a wonderful Achievement Day.

Sawyerville 4-H’s Achievement Day was held at the Cookshire Fairgrounds on July 24th. The weather was perfect for their outdoor show in front of the grandstands. Approximately 50 4-H’ers ranging in age from Pee-Wees to Proven members showed their animals in conformation and showmanship classes. The variety of projects was considerable. There were rabbits, chickens, dairy and beef heifers, ponies, goats and sheep shown throughout the morning. The final class of the day was the overall showmanship class, where the best two junior and senior showpersons from each animal type competed for top honours. A potluck lunch was then served, with hot dogs and hamburgers served up by the Bulwer QFA, a proud local sponsor of the 4-H club. For the first time, handicraft classes were introduced into their Achievement Day, with three classes open to all participants: woodworking, photography, and painting or drawing with an agricultural theme. This is a great initiative, and the quality of the handicrafts was excellent. With so many projects and young members, things are looking very positive for the future of Sawyerville 4-H.

This snapshot gives only a brief introduction to the diversity among clubs and the traditions that each club maintains at their own Achievement Days. Not only are there many longstanding traditions, but new additions and changes can also be beneficial to growing clubs. Caitlin is looking forward to attending more Achievement Days in the coming month.
Ormstown 4-H Makes Jam
by Amber Thompson

On June 28th, the Ormstown 4-H held a jam making afternoon at Laura and Caitlin MacDougall’s house. There were seven girls who attended, Emma Hooker, Ashleigh Cavers, Sydney Leger, Kayleigh Tannahill, Asha Abed, Carrie Simpson and Amber Thompson.

We made strawberry and pineapple freezer jam and strawberry cooked jam. It was a lot of fun, especially the taste testing. Then at the end of the day, we got to bring home one jar of pineapple and strawberry freezer jam and two jars of strawberry jam (cooked).

Thank you Laura and Caitlin for teaching us the art of jam making. Thank you to Loblaw Companies Limited for helping to fund 4-H nutritional programming.
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Congratulations!
The Richmond 4-H Club wishes to congratulate Jacob Morin. Jacob recently graduated from the MacDonald College Campus of McGill University with his three year diploma in Farm Management and Technology. Placing first in his farm project, Jacob won the Farm Credit Canada Business Planning Award.

Congratulations to these 4-H alumni on their impending nuptials.

Jenna Soesbergen & Kevin Scott (Huntingdon 4-H)
Gillian MacDougall & Tyler McCann (Ormstown 4-H) (Shawville 4-H)
Allyson Carroll & Eric Ness (Howick 4-H) (Howick 4-H)
Amanda Bushey & Matthew Suitor (Richmond 4-H)

Sabrina Cadarette at Brome’s Achievement Day.

The Lapointe family (Hatley 4-H) rocks out at the Ayer’s Cliff Music Fest. p. 3